Course Certificate

It is confirmed that
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Has completed and passed the

“UNIS Polar Bear Safety Course”

19.01.24 , at the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS)

The course focuses on the following themes:

- How to plan activities in nature to avoid conflicts with polar bears
- How to accomplish fieldwork and outings to avoid near meetings and conflicts with polar bears
- How to solve a conflict situation without injury to humans or wildlife
- How to solve a conflict situation where one must shoot and kill a polar bear.
- Safe handling of firearms (rifle) and pyrotechnic flares for polar bear protection
- Practical use of firearms and pyrotechnic flares for polar bear protection

The course is held over 1 day and consists of:

- Theory lesson on polar bears and polar bear behaviour
- Practical case exercises on how to avoid and solve conflict situations
- Safety regulations for firearms handling
- Practical exercises in safe rifle handling
- Shooting 16 - 20 live rounds from a knee standing position
- Use of flare guns as polar bear deterrent
- Maintenance and cleaning of firearms

The candidate has passed the following requirements:

- Demonstrated that he/she can handle a rifle safely
- Hit with 4 rounds, from a knee standing position, within a 40cm circle at 35m distance.

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